GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO DISPLACED PERSONS OF TEHRI DAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of families were displaced for the construction of Tehri Dam and rural oustees were to be compensated at certain agreed terms but the compensation was not paid according to the set policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to honour the commitment;

(c) whether SLAO-II Tehri made fraudulent payment of Rs.34.30 lakh to three non- existing families by manipulating relevant records and the SLAO-II did not renderaccounts for Rs.6.55 crore claimed to have been paid to the affected families of Old Tehri Town and THDC accepted payment of Rs.24.23 crore claimed to have been paid forcompensating landowners without details in support of the payment; and

(d) if so, whether the matter has been enquired and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The Government of Uttaranchal, who are handling the rehabilitation andresettlement of large number of facilities affected by Tehri Project, have informed that compensation for rural oustees is being paid according to the Rehabilitation Policy.

(c) & (d) : According to the Government of Uttaranchal, an FIR was lodged at PoliceStation, Tehri on 18.09.1997 against Shri Vijay Datt Sharma, Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO-II) of the State Government and others for fraudulent payment ofRs.34.30 lakhs in the year 1992. The case is pending in the Court of the District andSessions Judge, New Tehri. The records pertaining to disbursement of Rs.6.55 crores had been seized by the CBI in 1997 for investigation and are still with them.

As regards acceptance of claims, Tehri Hydro Development Corporation(THDC) has informed that the Government of Uttar Pradesh while implementing the rehabilitation work before February, 1990 had made payment of Rs.18.53 crores to SLAO-I and Rs.4.55 crores to SLAO-II.The SLAOs have furnished the disbursementdetails of Rs.9.04 crores and Rs.14.04 crores to the Government of Uttar Pradesh and THDC respectively.